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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CIA

SUBJECT: PROBABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN SYLVANIA AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

Located as it is on the southeast border of Poisteme and to the northeast of Audela, Sylvania probably is of latent importance to the US, particularly in view of its occident-oriented Government. So long as its present Chancellor, Omar Lea (J. J. O'Malley), retains his post and continues to keep the present Leprechaun-Kebold coalition from disintegrating, there is little danger that the ERT will become inert, unless, of course, McSneyd, the leftist Leprechaun leader, succeeds in taking his faction out of the coalition, which he is reportedly attempting to do. The real problem that Lea (O'Malley) faces, however, is one of oil. And it is precisely on that that he may slip. Without substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502) between now and the elections scheduled for 30 February, the Lea (O'Malley) Government may fall, and de Trop may return to power. Such an event would likely have far-reaching consequences. (See CIA 7-69A, 31 April 1947)

The return of de Trop might result immediately in: (1) the outlawing of the Gnomes who could probably be expected to: (a) go underground at once; (b) make preparations for clandestine oleaginous drainage; and/or (c) create a situation in the Gnome-dominated SLP which could lead to strikes, disorders, and even civil war; (2) the termination of Sylvanian participation in the Fairy bloc in favor of the Peltergeist cearial; and (3) a definitely intransigent attitude on the continuation of US agencies in Lower Slobovia (Foggy Bottom); or all three. In addition, Sylvanian efforts to perfect the O'Malley (Lea) method of atomic fission by means of a croquet mallet (See ORE Wet Run, 14 February 1947, item 1) would probably be intensified.

If, on the other hand, de Trop did not return to power and if substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502) were not made available a different solution might be anticipated. The situation between now and the elections (scheduled for 30 February) could deteriorate rapidly and probably would result in the Gnomes' taking control by quasi-legal, pseudo-legal, and para-legal means. Such an event would cause extensive repercussions and have a deteriorating effect on the economy of Sylvania and indirectly on that of the US. (See CIA 7-69B, 1 March 1947)

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Should de Trop not return to power, and should substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502) be made available, the Lea (O'Malley) coalition regime may likely continue. From information reaching CIA from controlled, uncontrolled, and semi-controlled sources, it appears that the elections (scheduled for 30 February) conceivably might result in the moderate centrist Leprechaun-Kebold combination securing approximately 39½ percent of the votes, the leftist Gnomes securing approximately 37½ percent, the strongly rightist Grealin group may be expected to poll its usual 13 3/4 percent, all factors being equal, and the remaining votes will undoubtedly go to the Shae, potentially the most powerful of the Little People but now fallen on evil days.

The Sylvanian charges lodged at the UN against the US in respect to the matter of oil will probably not be pressed by Lea (O'Malley), if he is still Chancellor, at the next session of the UNGA. These charges, it is believed, were initiated solely for domestic political reasons to demonstrate that however much present conditions in Sylvania may require substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502) before the complete implementation and fruition of the ERT, the Government of Sylvania stands on its own bottom (a feat of legerdemain), and thus confute Gnome-inspired charges that Lea (O'Malley) and his colleagues are tools of "imperialist-Fascist-oppressors" (the US).

While the armed forces of Sylvania are believed loyal and have the capacity to withstand, at least for approximately two weeks, six days, and eighteen hours, any Gnome-inspired uprising, unless the Gnomes receive material assistance from Audela, the nation is in no condition, because of its deteriorated economy and obsolescent equipment, to sustain a major war for more than six and a half minutes. (See CIA 8-76 S, "Arma virumque cano", 12 June 1948)

In fine, then, if the situation in Sylvania continues to deteriorate, which it probably will without substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502 *****), and if the Gnome-dominated SLP's sinister designs are dextrously implemented, Lea's (O'Malley's) days as Chancellor are probably numbered (DC 156-675). If, however, the Leprechaun-Kebold coalition is given a clear working majority in the elections (scheduled for 30 February) de Trop will not return, and the Lea (O'Malley) Government may be expected to continue in power, if somewhat tentatively, until the long range objectives of the ERT are accomplished, unless, of course, the UN insists on adopting sidereal time, which will set every clock in the US back 197 days, 18 hours, and twenty minutes as of 1 January 1948 approximately.

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